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67.97± Acres • Pike County

Located on US Highway 231 about 3-½ miles south of Troy. Average daily traffic of approximately 18,000 vehicles. Property may be divided. L-1800562 • \$375,000

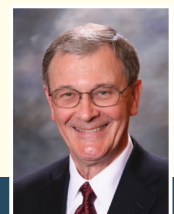


168± Acres • Geneva County

This wooded tract located west of Samson, Alabama, joins Geneva State Forest (Alabama's largest state forest with over 7,000 acres), and Flat Creek runs through the east side. The diverse forest includes mature loblolly and longleaf pines, oaks, and many other species of trees. This property has interior roads and established game food plots. L-1900117 • \$450,000



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Superstition

There was a case in one hospital's Intensive Care ward where patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11 a.m., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought that it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11 a.m. on Sundays. So a world-wide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11 a.m., all doctors and nurses nervously wait outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11... Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so that he could use the vacuum cleaner.

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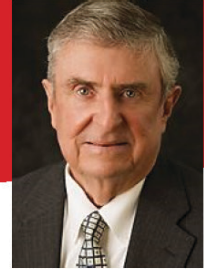
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"Courage is knowing it might hurt, and doing it anyway.
Stupidity is the same. And that's why life is hard."

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DRAGONFLYS

You might have seen a dragonfly hanging out on a plant in your garden or zipping around in the air above a pond. But we can guarantee that you've never seen a dragonfly parading across a picnic table or strolling along a branch. That's because, despite having six legs like other insects, a dragonfly's legs are too weak for them to walk on for lengthy amounts of time.

A Funeral for A Leg

In 1842, Mexican General Antonio López de Santa Anna had a military burial for his leg. No, that is not a typo. He held a military funeral service filled with cannon fire, speeches, poems, and prayers, in honor of his dearly departed right leg. Four years earlier in 1838, Santa Anna lost his leg during battle with the French. Cannon fire hit his leg and as a result, doctors had to amputate the leg.

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The famous Olympic female skier Picabo Street (pronounced Peek-A-Boo)...is not just an athlete, she is a nurse. She currently works at the Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital. She is not permitted to answer the telephone, however, as it caused simply too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, "Picabo, ICU..."

Heart Attack
Two years after my heart attack, I was teaching my college course when I felt discomfort in my chest. I paused the class to pop my medication and felt better quickly. "Now, if I ever do have a heart attack," I told my students, "I will give extra credit to whoever gives me CPR." One of them shouted out, "How much?"



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Most Common Birthday

Everyone has a birthday, right? Well it appears that more people have a birthday on September 9. That is the most common birthday in the United States. Birth data also shows that September is the busiest month for babies being born.

CHURCH HEALTH

A new Pastor in a small Oklahoma town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first services. The following Sabbath the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the Pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sabbath afternoon, the notice said. Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead church," all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at just the right angle was a large mirror.



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CRAB SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound imitation crab meat flaked
- 1/2 cup celery finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons red onion finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh dill chopped, plus more for garnish



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add all of the ingredients to a large bowl. Stir gently to combine.
2. Serve immediately, or cover and chill for up to 2 days.

CRAB PASTA SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb medium pasta shells
- 1 pound package imitation crab meat cut bite size
- 1 can medium black olives sliced
- 1 medium red bell pepper diced
- 3 or 4 green onions sliced thin about two inches into the green
- 3 stalks of celery diced

DRESSING

- 1 1/2 cups plain non fat yogurt (NOT GREEK YOGURT)
- 1/4 cup fat free mayonnaise
- 1/2 TBSP Spike (found in the spice aisle)
- 1 tsp celery salt
- 1 TBSP yellow mustard
- 1/2 TBSP soy sauce
- 1/4 cup Italian vinaigrette salad dressing

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. In a very large bowl, mix the pasta, crab, olives, red peppers, green onions, and celery.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together the yogurt, mayo, Spike, celery salt, yellow mustard, soy sauce, and salad dressing.
4. Pour the dressing over the pasta and veggies and stir to combine. Refrigerate at least two hours before serving.



SUMMER CRAB SALAD

INGREDIENTS

Dressing

- 1 Tb whole-grain mustard
- 1 small garlic clove, peeled, minced & mashed



Crab Salad

- 1/2 tsp. lemon zest
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. granulated sugar
- 3 Tb. extra-virgin olive oil

Salad

- 1 lb. lump crab meat, picked through for shells
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, small dice
- 1/4 cup English cucumber, small dice
- 1/4 cup fresh corn kernels or yellow bell pepper, small dice
- 1-2 Tb. red onion, minced
- 1 Tb. fresh basil, minced
- 1 Tb. fresh parsley, minced
- 1 Tb. fresh mint, minced
- 1 small jalapeno, seeded and minced (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine dressing ingredients in a small bowl and whisk until combined. Set aside.
2. Into a large mixing bowl, add crab, bell pepper, cucumber, corn, onion, herbs and jalapeno (if using). Add dressing, stir gently to combine, and refrigerate until ready to serve.
3. Serve with crusty bread or crostini, with mixed greens as a salad, in a sandwich, or all by itself.

CRAB AND ORZO SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked orzo pasta
- 1 pound cooked crab meat
- 4 Roma tomatoes
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, diced
- 1 medium green bell pepper, diced
- 3 medium green onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 drops hot pepper sauce

DIRECTIONS

Step 1

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil. Add orzo, and cook 11 minutes, or until al dente. Drain, and place in the refrigerator about 1 hour, until chilled.

Step 2

In a large bowl, toss together orzo, crab meat, tomatoes, carrot, red bell pepper, green bell pepper, and green onions.

Step 3

In a small bowl, blend mayonnaise, chili sauce, lemon juice, salt, pepper, and hot pepper sauce. Pour over the orzo mixture, and toss to coat.



MEL'S CRAB SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound imitation crab meat, flaked
- ½ cup finely chopped celery, or more to taste
- ½ cup reduced-fat ranch dressing
- ⅓ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh parsley



DIRECTIONS

Gently mix flaked imitation crab, celery, ranch dressing, mayonnaise, sugar, and parsley in a salad bowl until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate overnight, stirring occasionally. Stir again just before serving.

CRAB PASTA SALAD (2)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ (8 ounce) packages tri-color pasta or bow tie pasta
- 3 stalks celery diced
- 1 pound imitation crab meat
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 ½ tablespoons white sugar
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper



DIRECTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; rinse under cold water until cool and drain.
2. While pasta is cooking, chop celery and crab meat. Run hot water over peas to defrost.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, milk, salt and pepper. Add the pasta, celery and crab meat and stir until evenly coated. Adjust the salt, sugar or mayonnaise to suit your taste. Chill several hours before serving.

CRAB SALAD (2)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds crab meat
- 2 ½ cups chopped celery
- 8 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons celery seed
- 1 pinch paprika
- 2 ½ tablespoons white sugar
- ½ tablespoon ground black pepper



- 1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning

- 2 teaspoons dried parsley

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine the crab meat, celery, mayonnaise, celery seed, paprika, sugar, pepper, seafood seasoning and parsley. Mix well and refrigerate until chilled.

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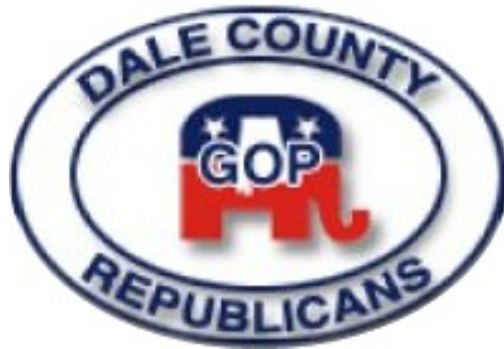
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A few weeks ago, my wife and I were out of town and our associate pastor preached the Sunday message. Andrew opened up the message by citing an old Anglican prayer he heard Alistair Begg recite. I would like to share that prayer with you. The prayer was this, **"Father, what we know not, teach us. What we have not, give us. What we are not, make us. For Your Son's sake. Amen"**. Maybe you are like me and you need to read that out loud a few times. I have a tendency to focus my attention on what others are doing and lose sight of my own short falls. Maybe we desire God to do much in our lives but forget what He desires from us. We have a saying at church that we quote quite often, "It starts with me". For example, we may pray "God bring revival to our city". That is good and well-meaning but look how much it changes when we pray "God bring revival to our city and let it start with me." I believe that one of the reasons we focus more on the outside than the inside is due to our lack of confidence. It is easier to put the attention on something out of our control rather than be the responsible party. My response to this is James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." If we lack wisdom let us ask God for it. Let us begin to be the change we desire to see. Say it with me, "It starts with me." I want to leave you with this prayer. I ask that you would read over it, pray over it, and see how God can change our perspectives. **Father, what we know not, teach us. What we have not, give us. What we are not, make us. For Your Son's sake. Amen**

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Heirs of Peace

By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Often times when we think about PEACE, we think of war, conflict, storms, and even in this pandemic-COVID 19 that is causing the loss of life and livelihoods all over the world.



The PEACE I am speaking of is not found in the absence of adversities but in the presence of God.

Be encouraged today in the words of Jesus: *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27*

As **heirs** (inheritance) to the peace that Jesus gives enable us to have tranquility, a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, sealed by His Spirit until the day of redemption. A peace that is beyond our understanding.

Jesus said to not let our hearts be troubled and our brother Paul makes this statement: *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

You may be going through a lot right now, know this: Greater is He that is in us than any challenge you will face in this world, *He (Holy Spirit) is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21*

I thought of an acronym for the word peace:

Pray and praise God until you see results

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His Full Name

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Don't ask me to pronounce all that!

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The insurance agent was having quite an easy time selling Mrs. Cunningham insurance on her husband's life. In fact he thought it was too easy. When all the details were finalized Mrs. Cunningham casually asked, "Now if my husband should die tomorrow what would I get?" "That would depend entirely," the insurance man replied, "on how the evidence is presented to the jury."

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Canadian architect Cornelia Oberlander designed the world's first 'stramp'. She designed stairs around the ramp for those with accessibility needs

One Thing Einstein Didn't Know

Albert Einstein was a genius! Literally and figuratively. A known scholar with an IQ of 160, Einstein knew a lot and contributed a lot to the world today. There was at least one thing that Mr. Einstein didn't know, and that was how to drive. He never had a drivers license. According to his wife Else, "It's too complicated for him."

Being Single In Hawaii

In the beautiful state of Hawaii, a flower worn by a lady behind her right ear indicates that she is single and available for dating. Married women may chose to wear a flower behind their left ear. The easiest way to remember which side is which is to think of a wedding ring. The band of matrimony goes on the left hand. Same rule applies for the flower.

Why did the worker get fired from the M & M factory? She kept throwing out the W's.

**What did the traffic light say to the car?
"Don't look. I'm about to change."**

Claybank Master Gardeners

Greetings Gardeners!

Our last two columns covered the basics of composting, a way to combine clean (not diseased) yard debris and kitchen scraps to develop your own nutritional soil to add to your potting soil or gardens. If you have composting questions, the folks at the County Extension offices are available in all 67 Alabama counties to answer any questions about gardening, farming, or 4-H programs providing **research-based information** and materials from cooperative efforts of Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities. They are here to serve you.

Four of the Wiregrass area extension offices you can call are in **Dale County (334) 774-2329, Coffee County (334) 894-5596, Houston County (334) 794-4108, and Pike County (334) 566-0985.** There is also a **web site** to access information at www.aces.edu.

As a *clueless gardener* from south Florida, I knew nothing about how or what to grow in south Alabama. But thanks to the efforts of a local Master Gardener group, I took the **Master Gardener course** through the Extension Office in Dale County. I was happily connected with a group of people who like me had lots of questions, plus others who had experiences to share. It was beyond my expectations, and after 8 years **I am still learning** through all the resources so abundantly provided by the instructors, county agents and online.

The Master Gardener course is under way again in Dale County on **Wednesday mornings, as of August 26 through November 18th.** This fall the course will be both online and in-person. The next one may be offered in the spring in either Houston or Coffee Counties so keep looking in this column or call your county agent. Scholarships are available to anyone in the Harvest4Health program.

Now that September is underway, here are some of the **fall crops you can still plant or begin to sow:** carrots, cucumbers, eggplants, lima beans, peppers, snap beans, summer squash, white potatoes, and winter squash. If you buy transplants available at the local garden supply stores, be sure to look carefully for plants with moist soil, plus healthy leaves & root systems.

Herbs for cooking or medicinal teas

are so easy to grow in pots outside the kitchen door, and most will continue through the winter. Be sure to read the labels for the best place to grow your plants, in sun or shade or partial shade. Herbs provide flavor and health benefits to home cooked meals. Some of our favorites are **parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, tarragon, oregano, basil** (grows best in summer), and **cilantro** (grows best in winter months).



Have you ever noticed that all the instruments looking for intelligent life are looking up...not at earth. JS

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Politician Getting out the Vote!

It was election time and the politician decided to go out to the local reservation and try to get the Native American vote.

They were all assembled in the Council Hall to hear the speech.

The politician had worked up to his finale, and the crowd was getting more and more excited.

"I promise better education opportunities for Native Americans!"

The crowd went wild, shouting "Hoya! Hoya!"

The politician was a bit puzzled by the native word, but was encouraged by their enthusiasm.

"I promise gambling reforms to allow a Casino on the Reservation!"

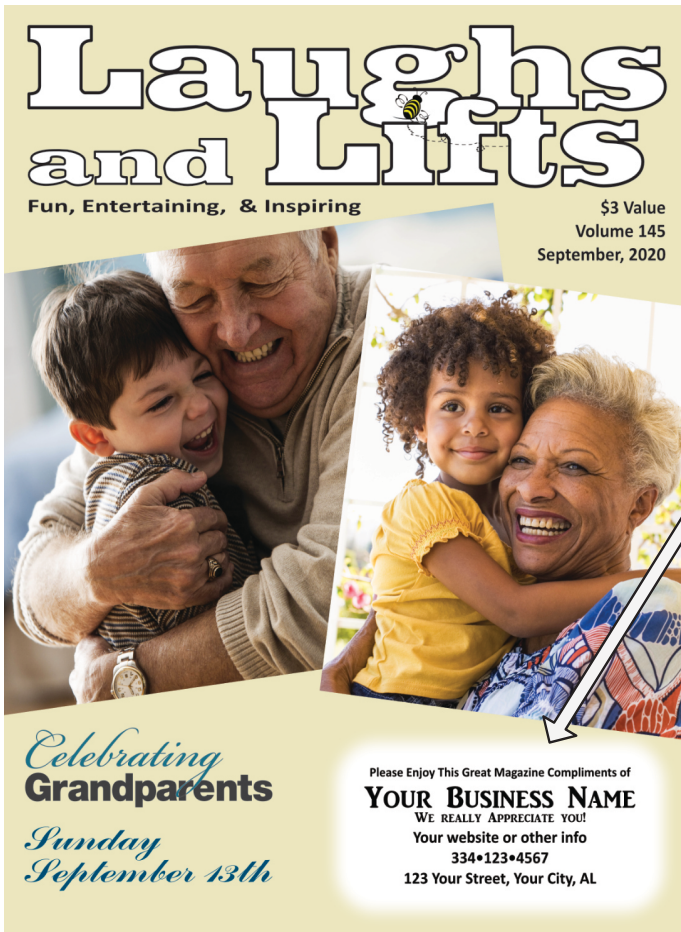
"Hoya! Hoya!" cried the crowd, stomping their feet.

"I promise more social reforms and job opportunities for Native Americans!"

The crowd reached a frenzied pitch shouting "Hoya! Hoya! Hoya!"

After the speech, the Politician was touring the Reservation, and saw a tremendous herd of cattle. Since he was raised on a ranch, and knew a bit about cattle, he asked the Chief if he could get closer to take a look at the cattle.

"Sure," the Chief said, "but be careful not to step in the hoyas..."



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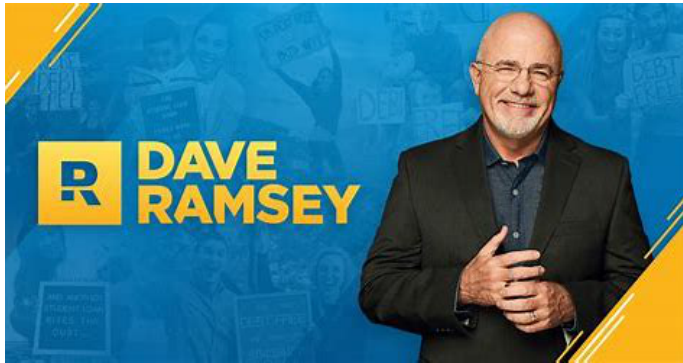
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Dear Dave,

So many companies and entrepreneurs are hurting right now. With everything that's going on in the world, I find myself ashamed to celebrate business successes. In the past, I've always shared highlights with our customers to show them how amazing they are and how much their support means. How can I navigate this time without making others feel bad?

Alyssa

Dear Alyssa,

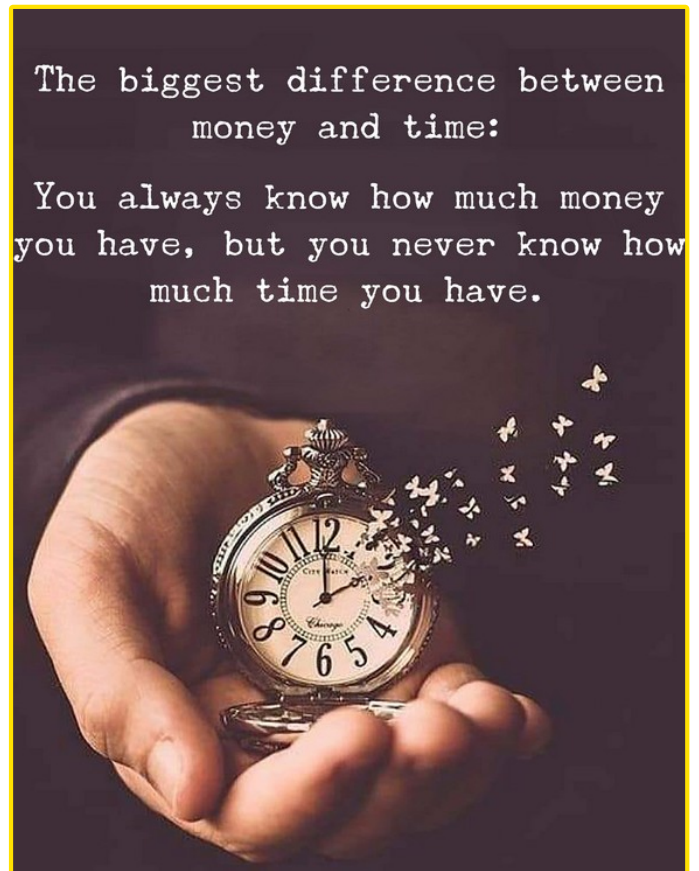
You know, in most cases people who ask this kind of question are already self-aware enough to celebrate their business success with grace and social awareness. You didn't ask how to brag, you asked how you can still celebrate what's going on in your business with your customers.

You're not firing shots at other people when you do something like this with the right heart and an attitude of gratitude and humility. You're not talking about jumping around and yelling about how great you are while saying everyone else is a doofus. All you're doing is letting people know what's working and that you're thankful for it—and them.

People need to hear success stories. They need to hear stories about winning, whether times are good or bad. It might actually inspire and encourage them. It's good news!

—Dave

** Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*



The biggest difference between money and time:

You always know how much money you have, but you never know how much time you have.

Pirates Had Life Insurance

Pirates used earrings as a life insurance policy. Pirate earrings were made of gold or silver and would be sold when a pirate died to cover their burial expenses. The gold or silver would then be melted. It was said that some pirates engraved the name of their home port on the inside of the earrings. That way their body could be returned home for a proper burial.



How to frighten the new generation:

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**I'm gonna work on being less condescending.
(Condescending means to talk down to people.)**

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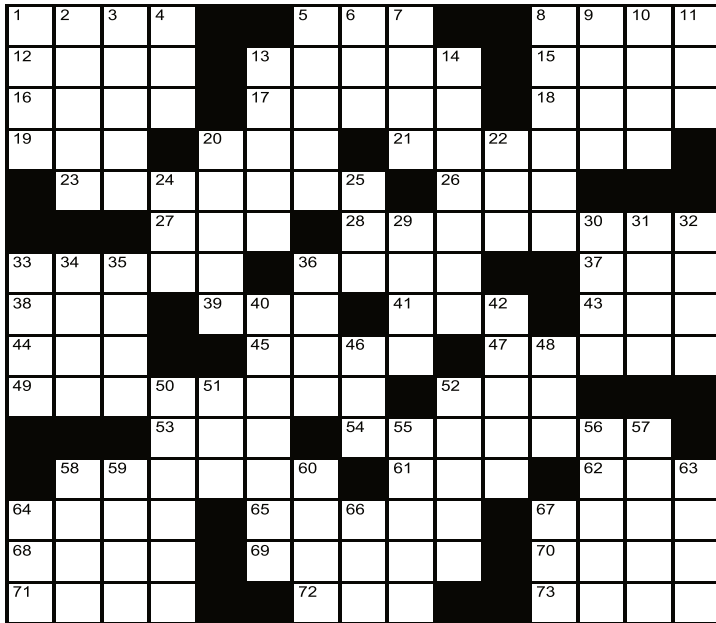
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Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking
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Graduation Speech

When my son graduated from high school, he had to give a speech. He began by reading from his prepared text.

"I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she has had on my life," he told the audience. "She is a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words could ever do justice."

At this point he seemed to struggle for words. After a pause, he looked up with a sly grin and said, "Sorry, but it's really hard to read my mother's handwriting."

SISTER CHEER UP

My sister and I are close, and that allows us to be honest with each other. One evening as I prepared for a date, I remarked, "I'm fat."

"No, you're not," she scolded.

"My hair is awful," I said.

"It's lovely," she encouraged.

"I've never looked worse," I whined.

And she said, "Yes, you have."

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BACK IN A JIFFY

You've probably said you'll be "back in a jiffy" at least a few times in your life. But what you might not realize is that you made a promise you couldn't keep. According to Dictionary.com, a "jiffy" is an actual unit of time—and a very short one at that.

Sometime during the late 18th or early 19th centuries, scientist Gilbert Newton Lewis defined a jiffy as the amount of time it takes light to travel one centimeter in a vacuum, which is about 33.4 picoseconds or one trillionth of a second. That's a short (and pretty much useless) amount of time indeed.

Hot Showers At Alcatraz

Alcatraz, the infamous island prison located in the San Francisco Bay, allowed its prisoners to take hot showers. This wasn't out of kindness, this was a deterrent to those thinking about fleeing by swimming across the much colder waters.



THE SCARS

Some years ago on a hot summer day in south Florida a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His mother--in the house was looking out the window--saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his mother.

It was too late.

Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too passionate to let go. A farmer happened to drive by, heard her screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived.

His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hang on to the son she loved.

The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my mom wouldn't let go." You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, or anything quite so dramatic. But, the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you.

The Scripture teaches that God loves you. If you have Christ in your life, you have become a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations.

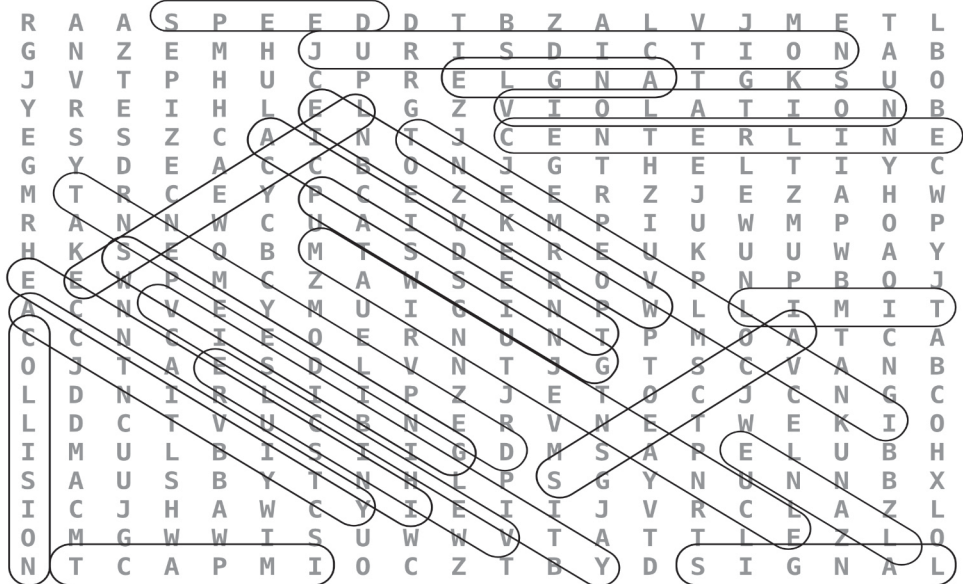
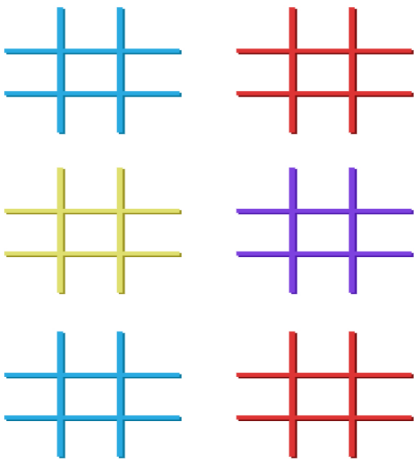
The swimming hole of life is filled with peril and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-of-war begins - and if you have the scars of His love on your arms, be very, very grateful.

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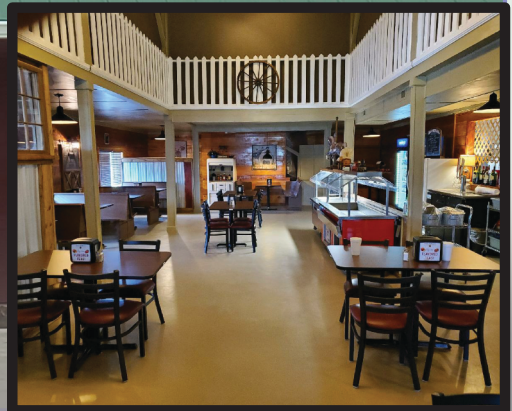
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